Acquiring off-shore rigs

675. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount spent by Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited in each of the last three years and proposed for the next two years for acquiring of off-shore rigs on ownership and charter-ship basis separately;

(b) what are the names of owners and contract period of each off-shore rig in operation with ONGC/OIL and the name, type and current location of each such rig;

(c) what is the number of off-shore rigs of indigenous make with ONGC/OIL at present and the number of rigs these companies propose to acquire during the next three years on ownership/chartership basis; and

(d) whether any price or any other preference is given to indigenous manufacturers while purchasing off-shore rigs and if so, the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Development Schemes for Oil and Gas

676. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the development schemes costing above Rs. 10 crores for oil and gas separately currently being carried out by Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) what is the cost of each scheme with details of development work undertaken/to be undertaken under it including field name, contractor's name and likely completion date and likely increase in production;

(c) what are the confirmed and unconfirmed reserves of oil and gas separately in each field under development; and

(d) what is the annual output of oil and gas separately in each such field if already in production alongwith further development and the schemes proposed for field development in future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Informaiton is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

LPG shortage in Gujarat

677. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the prevailing shortage of LPG in Gujarat, especially in the Saurashtra region and what are the reasons therefor;

(b) how many applicants are in the waiting list for LPG connections in Gujarat and what is the rate of allotment per month in Gujarat; and

(c) what steps are proposed to clear this backlog and the details of thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) A backlog in supply of LPG refills had developed in recent months in several parts of the country including Gujarat on account of overall shrtfall in bulk availability of LPG, apart from movement, industrial relations and other operational problems.

(b) As on January 1, 1988 there was a waiting list of about 4.64 lakhs in Gujarat. Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including Gujarat under its annual programmes for enrolment of customers,

subject to augmentation in availability of LPG and bottling capacity, through its expanding distributorship network.

(c) Efforts are being made to maximise LPG production in the refineries and also augment supplies through imports to the extent feasible. The situation is being closely monitored by the oil industry with a view to ensuring regular LPG supplies to the consumers.

678. [*Transferred to the 2nd March, 1988.*]

Increase in Dealers' Commission due to Hike in Price

679. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the increase in the price of petrol in the last three months;

(b) whether the dealers' commission has been increased because of the hike in the prices;

(c) what is the commission paid to petrol dealers and what is the percentage of commission to the cost of the product; and

(d) what is the percentage of evaporation loss at petrol pumps and whether this loss is borne by the company or the dealer?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The ! ie ceiling selling price of petrol wa; increased by Rs. 1000|- per KL w.e.f. 9th January, 1988. This was the only increase during the last three months.

(b) Yes, Sir. The dealers' commission is automatically revised with changes in price as per the existing formula.

(c) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) Based on industry's recommendation on the evaporation loss actually suffered by the dealers compensation ranging from 0.50 per cent to 0.75 per cent of the sales volume is included in the dealers' commission.

Statement

The dealers' commission on petrol is paid on slab basis. The rates of commission and percentage of commission to the the cost of petrol for various slabs are as follows:—

Slab	Sales per annum (in KL)	Commission Rs./KL	% of commission of the ex-storage price
I	0—360	164	2.13
II	361—600	124	1.61
III	601—1080	109	1.42
IV	Over 1080	87	1.13

Royalty to Maharashtra Government

680. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to pay royalty to Maharashtra Government for the gas and oil explored from the Bombay high; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Producers of Vitamin-C and Vitamin-A

681. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are two producers of each of Vitamin C and Vitamin A in bulk;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the turn over of each runs in many crores;